

CHILD PROTECTION ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION
February 22, 2006
12:00 pm
NEW CASTLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 500 KING STREET
12th floor Conference Room

MINUTES

Those in attendance:

Members of the Commission:

The Honorable Peggy Ableman
Susan Cycyk
Sergeant Randy Fisher
Peter Feliceangeli, Esq.
Carlyse A. Giddins
John Humphrey
Maria Knoll, Esq.
(proxy for AG Carl Danberg)
The Honorable Jennifer Mayo
(and proxy for Chief Judge Kuhn)
The Honorable Pamela Maier
Janice Mink
Joanne Miro
(proxy for Secy Valerie Woodruff)
Mary Ball Morton
(proxy for Secy Cari DeSantis)
Julia Pearce
(proxy for William Murray)
Jennifer Ranji, Esq., Chair

Staff:

Tania M. Culley, Esq.,
Lorin H. Hurst, Esq.
Anne Pedrick

Guests:

Candace Charkow
Carrie Riley

Statutory Role:

Child Protection Comm. 16 Del. C. §912(a)(10)
Dir. of Child Mental Health 16 Del. C. §912(a)(9)
Child Protection Comm. 16 Del. C. §912(a)(10)
Attorney General's Office 16 Del. C. § 912(a)(3)
Dir. of Div. of Family Servs. 16 Del. C. § 912(a)(2)
Child Protection Comm. 16 Del. C. § 912 (a)(10)

Attorney General's Office 16 Del. C. § 912 (a)(3)
Family Court 16 Del. C. § 912(a)(4)

Member, House of Reps. 16 Del. C. § 912 (a)(5)
Child Protection Comm. 16 Del. C. § 912 (a)(10)
Department of Education 16 Del. C. § 912 (a) (8)

Children's Department 16 Del. C. § 912(a)(1)

Child Placement Review Board 16 Del. C. § 912 (a)(7)

Child Protection Community 16 Del. C. § 912 (a)(10)

Executive Director
Office of the Child Advocate
Office of the Child Advocate

I. Welcome/Introductions

II. Review of CPAC Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005 Annual Report

Mary Ball Morton stated that the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families (“DSCYF”) had some concerns about the format and wordiness of the report. Ms. Morton brought some examples of annual reports such as the OCA Annual Report and Child Placement Review Board annual report to highlight what they expected from the CPAC report. Ms. Morton, on behalf of DSCYF, suggested that the report be more brief and show strictly the accomplishments of CPAC. Carlyse Giddins suggested there be an Executive Summary to the Annual Report.

Pete Feliceangeli thought that the report lost impact by including the member agency reports in the appendix. Most agencies give reports elsewhere. This report should be what CPAC has done. Jennifer Ranji suggested the agency reports (to include or not include) is one of the many issues for discussion and it should be put aside temporarily until later in the meeting.

Ms. Ranji stated that a 17-page report for 2 years worth of work did not strike her as a long report. This is the first official annual report from CPAC. The only thing that has been done previously is a letter from a prior Chair to the General Assembly. The main issue to discuss is the basic layout and format so that CPAC can use this for future annual reports.

Ms. Ranji stated that CPAC can decide to do an executive summary as soon as possible, but this report should be sent out without the summary as soon as possible. Representative Maier made the motion to release the report without the summary. The motion was seconded by Janice Mink, and approved unanimously.

There was lengthy discussion to some of the language contained in the draft report and changes were made as reflected in the final report.

Tania Culley stated that the reasoning behind the appendix is that this annual report will go to a national audience and it will be listed on the Citizen Review Panel National website. Pete Feliceangeli restated that he is not in favor of having the agency updates in the appendix. It was suggested that the agency updates be eliminated but not the contact information under Tab C.

A motion was made by Janice Mink to approve the annual report with the amended changes and agency reports eliminated from the appendix. The motion was seconded by John Humphrey, and approved unanimously.

III. New Business

The joint meeting between CPAC and CDNDSC on 4/7/06 will not take place on 4/7/06. A new proposed date of 5/5/06 from 3:00 pm-4:30 pm was given following consultation with CDNDSC. Tania Culley requested that everyone check their availability for that date and respond back to her.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:52 p.m.